



BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Ways and Means was referred the following docket for consideration:

Docket #0733, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2027.

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on April 8, 2026.

The Committee has conducted a robust review process, including 31 public hearings on departmental budgets and associated capital budgets, 2 dedicated public testimony sessions, 6 working sessions, and has received written testimony from all City departments, as well as written, oral, and recorded testimony from the public. Prior to the FY27 budget process, the Committee held 5 hearings, 1 committee meeting, 2 dedicated public testimony sessions, and 1 working session to collate the Council's FY27 budget priorities, to collate the Council's departmental Requests for Information (RFI), and to discuss forecasted revenues and expenditures for the FY27 budget.

City Council Proposed Amendments

In 2021, the City Council passed, and City of Boston residents voted to approve, a change to the City Charter that would grant the City Council additional budgetary authority. Whereas the previous authority granted the Council only the ability to accept, reject, or reduce as a whole, following the Charter amendment, the City Council can now amend line items within the Mayor's operating budget appropriation order (for FY27, Docket #0733), with the caveat that the Council's amended version cannot be for a higher total budget than originally proposed. Within seven days of the Council's action, the Mayor is required to approve or return the Council's amended version, provided that the Council may by a two-thirds vote override any of the Mayor's modifications, in whole or in part, prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

The Council's proposed amendments to Docket #0733 fall in two categories - inter-departmental and recommendations, as follows:

- Inter-departmental amendments: \$7,640,000
- Recommendation amendments: \$1,155,000

Inter-departmental amendments involve the movement of funds from one department to another. They are reflected in shifts on the tax order. Recommendation amendments involve the movement of funds within a category within a department. They are not reflected in shifts on the tax order.

Summary

Over the course of its deliberations, the Committee identified a number of key Council priorities for the restoration of significant funding, including city housing vouchers, senior programming, youth jobs, access to counsel, and important grant programs. The Operating Budget docket has, therefore, been amended to include many of these priorities; to balance these investments, reallocations are proposed from a variety of line items, mainly targeting areas where departments have historically underspent. The investments and reallocations are summarized below, and are reflected in the revised Tax Order submitted with this report.

Investments

Investments are programs and initiatives that funds are being allocated towards. They are reflected on the tax order through inter-departmental amendments in their respective department and category.

Amendment	Department	Category	Amount
Access to Counsel	Mayor's Office of Housing	Contractual Services	\$ 450,000
Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant	Age Strong Commission	Contractual Services	\$ 450,000
Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant	Age Strong Commission	Contractual Services	\$ 500,000
Age Strong - Programming	Age Strong Commission	Contractual Services	\$ 250,000
Arts and Culture Grants	Office of Arts and Culture	Contractual Services	\$ 600,000
Black Male Advancement Grants	Black Male Advancement	Contractual Services	\$ 555,000
BHA Credible Messenger Program	Boston Public Health Commission	Special Appropriation	\$ 125,000
Down Payment Assistance	Mayor's Office of Housing	Special Appropriation	\$ 300,000
Food Justice Grants	Office of Food Justice	Contractual Services	\$ 100,000
Grow Boston	Mayor's Office of Housing	Contractual Services	\$ 300,000
Housing Vouchers	Mayor's Office of Housing	Special Appropriation	\$ 2,100,000
Legacy Business Grants	Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion	Contractual Services	\$ 300,000
Office of Equity Grants (LGBTQIA2S+, MOWA)	Office of Equity	Contractual Services	\$ 300,000
Returning Citizens Grants	Office of Human Services	Contractual Services	\$ 500,000
Tenant Stabilization Fund	Mayor's Office of Housing	Contractual Services	\$ 60,000
Youth Jobs	Youth Employment and	Personnel Services	\$ 250,000

	Opportunity		
Youth Jobs - Boston Student Advisory Council	Youth Employment and Opportunity	Personnel Services	\$ 200,000
Youth Jobs - Red Shirts Pilot	Youth Employment and Opportunity	Personnel Services	\$ 300,000

Reallocations

Reallocations are inter-departmental amendments that are reflected on the tax order in their respective department and category. These are decreases that balance the investments listed above.

Department	Line Item (Category)	Amount
Boston Library Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 200,000
City Council	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 100,000
Office for Immigrant Advancement	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 2,550
Election Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 1,530
Auditing Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 5,100
Assessing Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 100,000
Office of Budget Management	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 15,300
Human Resources	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 8,869
Office of Finance	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 30,000
Office of People Operations	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 50,000
Office of Labor Relations	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 100,000
Department of Innovation and Technology	Repairs and Service to Equipment (Contractual Services)	\$ 20,000
Department of Innovation and Technology	Other Current Charges (Current Charges)	\$ 450,000

Law Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 58,203
Supplier Diversity	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 30,000
Registry Division	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 2,040
Property Management Department	Repairs and Service to Equipment (Contractual Services)	\$ 200,000
Property Management Department	Miscellaneous Supplies and Materials (Supplies and Materials)	\$ 100,000
Public Facilities Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 200,000
Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 8,371
Office of Workforce Development	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 3,000
Mayor's Office of Housing	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 20,400
Boston Transportation Department	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 120,000
Inspectional Services Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 100,000
Parks and Recreation Department	Emergency Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 50,000
Parks and Recreation Department	Other Current Charges (Current Charges)	\$ 100,000
Environment Department	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 150,000
Office of Streets	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 10,000
Public Works Department	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 150,000
Public Works Department	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 500,000
Central Fleet Management	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 150,000

Execution of Courts	Special Appropriation (Special Appropriation)	\$ 3,940,000
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 200,000
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	Contracted Services (Contractual Services)	\$ 300,000
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	Other Current Charges (Current Charges)	\$ 60,000
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	Miscellaneous Equipment (Equipment)	\$ 50,000
Office of Human Services	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 10,112
Office of Equity	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 5,200
Office of Language and Communications Access	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 2,014
Office of Police Accountability and Transparency	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 11,260
Neighborhood Services	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 5,551
Office of Arts and Culture	Permanent Employees (Personnel Services)	\$ 20,500

Recommendations

Recommendation amendments involve the movement of funds within a category within a department. They are not reflected in shifts on the tax order.

Amendment	Department	Amount
Legacy Business Awards*	Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion	\$300,000
Caregivers Pilot*	Boston Public Health Commission	\$250,000
PFAS-Free Turnout Gear for Firefighters	Boston Fire Department	\$200,000
Rental Unit Inspections Support	Inspectional Services Department	\$100,000
Bridge the Gaps Grants	Boston VETS	\$100,000
Emergency Medical Services Health and Wellness	Boston Public Health Commission	\$100,000

City Archives Upgrades	Property Management	\$50,000
Park Rangers Mounted Unit Drainage System	Parks and Recreation	\$30,000
Graffiti Busters	Property Management Department	\$25,000

***Intra-Departmental Amendments** *(as part of the budget process, these recommendations have been previously agreed to by their relevant departments through iterative conversations between the committee and department heads).*

Please see below for the detailed investments, reallocations, and recommendations. The following is a duplicate to the appendix to the tax order and is the concretization of the balancing requirement of the Charter Amendment.

Inter-Departmental Amendments:

Inter-departmental amendments involve the movement of funds from one department to another. They are reflected in shifts on the tax order. Inter-departmental amendments total \$7,640,000 of the amendments.

Access to Counsel

Continuing the Access to Counsel program which provides full legal representation for families with children in school at risk of eviction through a partnership with Greater Boston Legal Services.

- Decrease Public Facilities Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$200,000 for Access to Counsel. (Part 1 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Access to Counsel for \$450,000).
- Decrease Library Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Access to Counsel. (Part 2 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Access to Counsel for \$450,000).
- Decrease City Council Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Access to Counsel. (Part 3 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Access to Counsel for \$450,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Access to Counsel. (Part 4 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Access to Counsel for \$450,000).

Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant

This amendment seeks to restore \$450,000 to the Age Strong Behavioral Health Access grant. Within the Behavioral Health Access grant, funds are specifically intended to help retain the multilingual clinicians across the City, including Spanish language clinicians in East Boston.

- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 1 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Central Fleet Management Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 2 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 3 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant.

(Part 4 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).

- Decrease Mayor's Office of Housing Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 5 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 6 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Budget Management Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 7 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Office of Human Services Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 8 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).
- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant. (Part 9 of 9 - total amount of 9 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Behavioral Access Grant for \$450,000).

Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant

This amendment seeks to restore \$500,000 to the Age Strong Expanding Engagement Grant. Within the Expanding Engagement, funds are specifically intended to support continued senior programming in West Roxbury.

- Decrease Labor Relations Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant. (Part 1 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant for \$500,000).
- Decrease Property Management Supplies and Materials (Line 53900, Miscellaneous Supplies and Materials), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant. (Part 2 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant for \$500,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant. (Part 3 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant for \$500,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$175,000 for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant. (Part 4 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant for \$500,000).
- Decrease Office of People Operations Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$25,000 for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant. (Part 5 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Expanding Engagement Grant for \$500,000).

Age Strong - Programming

This amendment seeks to restore \$250,000 to Age Strong Programming (a previous City Council amendment).

- Decrease Supplier Diversity Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 1 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Office of Streets Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 2 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 3 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Contractual Services (Line 52700, Repairs and Service of Equipment), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 4 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Office of Arts and Culture Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 5 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 6 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Mayor's Office of Housing Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 7 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Budget Management Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$5,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 8 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Neighborhood Services Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$5,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 9 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Personnel Services (Line 51100, Emergency Employees), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 10 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Age Strong Contractual Services, \$120,000 for Age Strong - Programming. (Part 11 of 11 - total amount of 11 amendments for Age Strong for Age Strong - Programming for \$250,000).

Arts and Culture Grants

This amendment is intended to support the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture to retain some arts and culture grants, neighborhood arts organizations, artist grants, cultural programming, and community-based cultural initiatives.

- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services,

\$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 1 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).

- Decrease Environment Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 2 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 3 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).
- Decrease Property Management Contractual Services (Line 52700, Repairs and Service of Equipment), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 4 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 5 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Office of Arts and Culture Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Arts and Culture Grants. (Part 6 of 6 - total amount of 6 amendments for Office of Arts and Culture for Arts and Culture Grants for \$600,000).

Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program

This amendment seeks to continue the credible messenger program at Mildred C. Hailey and Franklin Field.

- Decrease Inspectional Services Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Boston Public Health Commission Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program. (Part 1 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Public Health Commission for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program for \$125,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Boston Public Health Commission Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program. (Part 2 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Public Health Commission for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program for \$125,000).
- Decrease Law Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Boston Public Health Commission Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program. (Part 3 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Public Health Commission for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program for \$125,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Boston Public Health Commission Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program. (Part 4 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Public Health Commission for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program for \$125,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Boston Public Health Commission Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program. (Part 5 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Public Health Commission for Boston Housing Authority Credible Messenger Program for \$125,000).

Down Payment Assistance

This amendment seeks to restore funding to the downpayment assistance program.

- Decrease Public Works Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$100,000 for Down Payment Assistance. (Part 1 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Down Payment Assistance for \$300,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$100,000 for Down Payment Assistance. (Part 2 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Down Payment Assistance for \$300,000).
- Decrease Assessing Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$50,000 for Down Payment Assistance. (Part 3 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Down Payment Assistance for \$300,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$50,000 for Down Payment Assistance. (Part 4 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Down Payment Assistance for \$300,000).

Food Justice Grants

In addition to the Participatory Budgeting allocation and likely United States Food and Drug Administration funding, this amendment seeks to add \$100,000 to the Office of Food Justice.

- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Equipment (Line 55900, Miscellaneous Equipment), increase Office of Food Justice Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Food Justice Grants. (Part 1 of 2 - total amount of 2 amendments for Office of Food Justice for Food Justice Grants for \$100,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Food Justice Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Food Justice Grants. (Part 2 of 2 - total amount of 2 amendments for Office of Food Justice for Food Justice Grants for \$100,000).

Black Male Advancement Grants

This amendment specifically looks to restore funding for the Black Male Advancement's Community Empowerment Small Grant program and can also be used for the next phase of the Equity Study.

- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Black Male Advancement Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Black Male Advancement Grants. (Part 1 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Black Male Advancement for Black Male Advancement Grants for \$555,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Black Male Advancement Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Black Male Advancement Grants. (Part 2 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Black Male Advancement for Black Male Advancement Grants for \$555,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Black Male Advancement Contractual Services, \$5,000 for Black Male Advancement Grants. (Part 3 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Black Male Advancement for Black Male Advancement Grants for \$555,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Black Male Advancement Contractual Services, \$500,000 for Black Male Advancement Grants. (Part 4 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Black Male Advancement for Black Male Advancement Grants for \$555,000).

- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Personnel Services (Line 51100, Emergency Employees), increase Black Male Advancement Contractual Services, \$30,000 for Black Male Advancement Grants. (Part 5 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Black Male Advancement for Black Male Advancement Grants for \$555,000).

Grow Boston

This amendment seeks to add funding to the GrowBoston office to support community gardens, urban farms, and getting fresh locally grown food to residents.

- Decrease Property Management Contractual Services (Line 52700, Repairs and Service of Equipment), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Grow Boston. (Part 1 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Grow Boston for \$300,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Grow Boston. (Part 2 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Grow Boston for \$300,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Grow Boston. (Part 3 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Grow Boston for \$300,000).
- Decrease Library Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Grow Boston. (Part 4 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Grow Boston for \$300,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Grow Boston. (Part 5 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Grow Boston for \$300,000).

Housing Vouchers

This amendment is intended to channel an additional \$300,000 to City home ownership vouchers and \$1.8 million to City rental vouchers.

- Decrease Law Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$8,203 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 1 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Police Accountability and Transparency Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$1,260 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 2 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Neighborhood Services Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$551 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 3 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Human Resources Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$8,869 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 4 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Election Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$1,530 for Housing Vouchers. (Part

5 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).

- Decrease Office of Human Services Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$112 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 6 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Language and Communications Access Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$2,014 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 7 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$8,371 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 8 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office for Immigrant Advancement Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$2,550 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 9 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Registry Division Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$2,040 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 10 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Mayor's Office of Housing Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$400 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 11 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Auditing Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$100 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 12 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Budget Management Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$300 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 13 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Workforce Development Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$3,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 14 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Equity Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$5,200 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 15 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Arts and Culture Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$500 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 16 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Transportation Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$100,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 17 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).

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Vouchers. (Part 30 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).

- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$70,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 31 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of People Operations Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 32 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Central Fleet Management Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 33 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Supplier Diversity Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$10,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 34 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Office of Finance Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$30,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 35 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$40,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 36 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Personnel Services (Line 51100, Emergency Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$10,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 37 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 38 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation, \$25,000 for Housing Vouchers. (Part 39 of 39 - total amount of 39 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Housing Vouchers for \$2,100,000).

Legacy Business Grants

This amendment seeks to support the FY27 Legacy Business program and, if possible given procurement constraints, the FY26 Legacy Business awardees.

- Decrease Environment Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Legacy Business Grants. (Part 1 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion for Legacy Business Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Legacy Business Grants. (Part 2 of 5 - total amount of 5

amendments for Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion for Legacy Business Grants for \$300,000).

- Decrease Parks and Recreation Department Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Legacy Business Grants. (Part 3 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion for Legacy Business Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Contractual Services, \$100,000 for Legacy Business Grants. (Part 4 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion for Legacy Business Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Legacy Business Grants. (Part 5 of 5 - total amount of 5 amendments for Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion for Legacy Business Grants for \$300,000).

Office of Equity Grants

This amendment seeks to restore grants that were previously cut from the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet. While the funding is directed to the Office of Equity, the expectation is that the Commissioner will work closely with community advisory groups and those most impacted to help direct the funding towards the highest priority grants, specifically within the Offices of LGBTQIA2S+ and Women's Advancement.

- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$175,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 1 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$25,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 2 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Central Fleet Management Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$25,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 3 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Law Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$25,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 4 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Transportation Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 5 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$5,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 6 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).
- Decrease Auditing Department Personnel Services (Line 51000, Permanent Employees), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$5,000 for Office of Equity Grants. (Part 7 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$1,500,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Equity Contractual Services, \$20,000 for Office of

Equity Grants. (Part 8 of 8 - total amount of 8 amendments for Office of Equity for Office of Equity Grants for \$300,000).

Returning Citizens Grants

This funding is intended to help restore some of the contracted services for the Office of Returning Citizens.

- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Office of Human Services Contractual Services, \$350,000 for Returning Citizens Grants. (Part 1 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Office of Human Services for Returning Citizens Grants for \$500,000).
- Decrease Department of Innovation and Technology Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Office of Human Services Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Returning Citizens Grants. (Part 2 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Office of Human Services for Returning Citizens Grants for \$500,000).
- Decrease Property Management Contractual Services (Line 52700, Repairs and Service of Equipment), increase Office of Human Services Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Returning Citizens Grants. (Part 3 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Office of Human Services for Returning Citizens Grants for \$500,000).
- Decrease Public Works Department Contractual Services (Line 52900, Contracted Services), increase Office of Human Services Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Returning Citizens Grants. (Part 4 of 4 - total amount of 4 amendments for Office of Human Services for Returning Citizens Grants for \$500,000).

Tenant Stabilization Fund

This amendment seeks to restore funding to the Tenant Stabilization Fund, a city-backed eviction prevention resource administered by the City of Boston Office of Housing Stability and functions primarily as a wrap-around support program rather than a direct cash handout, helping at-risk renters access case management, legal services, mediation, and referrals to housing or financial assistance.

- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$50,000 for Tenant Stabilization Fund. (Part 1 of 2 - total amount of 2 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Tenant Stabilization Fund for \$60,000).
- Decrease Boston Centers for Youth and Families Current Charges and Obligations (Line 54900, Other Current Charges), increase Mayor's Office of Housing Contractual Services, \$10,000 for Tenant Stabilization Fund. (Part 2 of 2 - total amount of 2 amendments for Mayor's Office of Housing for Tenant Stabilization Fund for \$60,000).

Youth Jobs

In addition to the 2,000 jobs that the Mayor's office has secured through private funding, these amendments seek to add \$750,000 to the "emergency employees" line item to fund youth jobs with the City of Boston. Specifically, the intent is that \$200,000 can be used towards Boston Student Advisory Council jobs; \$300,000 to pilot the revival of the "Red Shirts" program where young people help to address persistent gaps in basic city service delivery while expanding youth employment pathways; and \$250,000 to be used at the Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity's discretion.

- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Youth Employment and Opportunity Personnel Services, \$250,000 for Youth Jobs. (Part 1 of 1 - total amount of 1 amendments for Youth Employment and Opportunity for Youth Jobs for \$250,000).

Youth Jobs - Boston Student Advisory Council

See above.

- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Youth Employment and Opportunity Personnel Services, \$200,000 for Youth Jobs - Boston Student Advisory Council. (Part 1 of 1 - total amount of 1 amendments for Youth Employment and Opportunity for Youth Jobs - Boston Student Advisory Council for \$200,000).

Youth Jobs - Red Shirts Pilot

See above.

- Decrease Execution of Courts Special Appropriation (Line 56200, Special Appropriation), increase Youth Employment and Opportunity Personnel Services, \$300,000 for Youth Jobs - Red Shirts Pilot. (Part 1 of 1 - total amount of 1 amendments for Youth Employment and Opportunity for Youth Jobs - Red Shirts Pilot for \$300,000).

Recommendations:

Recommendation amendments involve the movement of funds within a category within a department. They are not reflected in shifts on the tax order. Intra-departmental amendments are recommendations that as part of the budget process, have been previously agreed to by their relevant departments through iterative conversations between the committee and department heads.

Intra-Departmental Amendments

- ***Legacy Businesses***
In addition to the inter-departmental amendments above, \$300,000 within the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (Contractual Services) to fund the Legacy Business Award program.
 - \$300,000 within the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to support the Legacy Business program.
- ***Caregivers Impacted by Incarceration Pilot Program (BPHC)***
This amendment intends to support caregivers affected by homicide and incarceration through the services and programs of We Are Better Together.
 - \$250,000 within the Boston Public Health Commission (Special Appropriation) to support caregivers navigating trauma and re-entry.

Other Recommendations

- ***PFAS-Free Turnout Gear for Firefighters***
 - \$200,000 within Boston Fire Department (Supplies and Materials) to accelerate the transition to PFAS-free turnout gear and protective equipment in order to reduce firefighter exposure to carcinogenic “forever chemicals” linked to elevated cancer risks and long-term occupational health impacts.
- ***Rental Unit Inspections Support***
 - \$100,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to add more support to the rental unit inspections team to meet the City’s rental unit inspection goals.
- ***Bridge the Gap grants***
 - \$100,000 within Boston Office of Veterans Engagement, Transition, and Services (Boston VETS) (Contractual Services) to provide more funding towards Bridge the Gap grants.
- ***EMS Health and Wellness***

- \$100,000 within Boston Public Health Commission (Special Appropriation) to invest in the health and wellness of Boston Emergency Medical Services employees.
- ***City Archives Upgrade***
 - \$50,000 within Property Management (Contractual Services) for improvements to City Archives.
- ***Park Rangers Mounted Unit Drainage System***
 - \$30,000 within Parks (Contractual Services) for improvements to the Park Rangers Mounted Unit's drainage system.
- ***Graffiti Busters***
 - \$25,000 within Property Management (Supplies and Materials) to support graffiti removal across the City.

Inter-departmental amendments total \$7,640,000 (.38% of the appropriation order).

Intra-departmental amendments total \$550,000 (.03% of the appropriation order).

Other recommendation amendments total \$605,000 (.03% of the appropriation order).

Inter-departmental amendments, intra-departmental amendments, and recommendation amendments total \$8,795,000 of the appropriation order, or 0.44%.

Committee Chair Recommended Action

As Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that this matter ought to be **OUGHT TO PASS IN AN AMENDED DRAFT**.



Benjamin J. Weber, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means